

KARNATAKA

Administration: The Karnataka State Archives is working on an ad-hoc basis in the absence of trained and permanent staff. Recently the cadre and recruitment rules have been issued and the Karnataka Public Service Commission is interviewing candidates for the posts. The development of Archives in this State is included under the Plan scheme.

Budget: During 1976-77 a sum of Rs.2,47,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.2,79,000 on the non-plan side and on the plan side a sum of Rs.1,49,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs. 5,00,000. For 1977-78 a provision of Rs.4,19,000 was made on the non plan side and a sum of Rs.5,00,000 on the plan side.

Building: The State Archives does not occupy a separate building of its own. Efforts are being made to procure a building for housing the Archives. This is under consideration of Government.

Record Management: Karnataka Government Secretariat time-barred "C" collection files relating to the period 1957-69 were examined and 14 per cent of which were found fit for retention. The records are appraised on the basis of guidelines laid down by the Director, Karnataka State Archives.

Research and Reference: About 14 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities while 500 queries from private agencies/individuals were attended to. 3,528 and 1,298 records were requisitioned by Government agencies and research scholars respectively.

Reference Media: Six lists of Acts, Rules codes, reports etc. deposited in the Reference Library were listed.

Publication Programme: Under the project 'Karnataka Letters', Volume I 'Archival History of Mysore' is under print. It comprises the correspondence of Dewan K. Sheshadri Iyer with contemporaneous Residents and Assistant Residents. The work on next volumes comprising letters and papers of Dewan Krishna Murthy, Dewan Madhavarao and Anandarao was carried out and is expected to be sent to the press. There is also a proposal to publish a collection of letters entitled 'Fort St. George Letters' to the Court of Directors, London 1791-92.

Preservation of Records: The bindery unit has been established and the preservation material purchased.

Photo-Duplication: The Department has its own microfilming unit. But due to want of technical staff it was not possible to carry out any work during the period under review.

Library: During 1976-77, 131 books were acquired